

CAPSULE SUMMARY

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Camp Kanawha; Frederick County Fish & Game Protective Assn. 1937-1939

Point of Rocks vicinity

Private

Camp Kanawha was built as a recreational and social complex from about 1937-1939 by the Frederick County Fish and Game Protective Association and consists of a log clubhouse with a log extension housing a dining room, a cooks' cabin, a skeet lodge, and four individual cabins built by some of the early members and used by current club members as summer cottages. The camp is one of two sites with the distinctive architectural style of the 1930's log mountain cottage, but the only one which retains the setting and purpose of the original period of construction. The other club is the Cold Deer Hunting & Fishing Club on Mountaindale Road north of Frederick, which developed into a small community of houses unrelated to the original club which shared the same general architectural style, documented as the Cold Deer Survey District (F-3-118). Camp Kanawha has been very little changed since its 1937 founding. At least 10 more cottages were originally planned, but were not built by the 1939 date mandated by the club. Wartime restrictions also discouraged further building by the members and the camp grounds remain much as in the late 1930's.

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Camp Kanawha: Fish & Game Protective Association
Point of Rocks
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties, and
Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/Camp
Social/Clubhouse

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Tax Map 108; Parcel 16

Survey No. F-1-209

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes Xno

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Camp Kanawha; Frederick County Fish & Game Protective Association

2. Location

street & number 4100 block Rock Hall Road not for publication

city, town Point of Rocks X vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> X occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> X building(s)	<u> </u> X private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> X yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> X not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> X other: recreational

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Fish & Game Protective Association

street & number P.O. Box 9 telephone no.:

city, town Point of Rocks, MD state and zip code 21777

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 496

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 242

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SECTION 7: Description:

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 7

Camp Kanawha, the social-recreational property of the Frederick County Fish and Game Protective Association, is a group of one-story log houses built between 1937 and 1939 in a wooded setting on the banks of the Potomac River at the end of Rock Hall Road southeast of Point of Rocks, Frederick County, Maryland. The buildings consist of a clubhouse, a cooks' cabin, a skeet lodge, and four individual cabins and a non-contributing screened-in picnic pavilion. All of the contributing buildings are built in the style of mountain log cabins in the period of the 1930's, featuring dark-stained rounded logs, usually with white plaster chinking. Some have extended crowns at the corners. All have shed porches, some with screened enclosures. Dates for the buildings were provided in personal interviews with association members and a 1938 plat of the camp in the club's possession.

The clubhouse is a one-story log building facing south built in 1937 with an extension on the north side for a dining hall which was added by 1939. A screened one-story porch is on the south elevation and a large stone chimney rises above the composition gable roof. Casement windows with multiple lights are on all elevations. The interior of the dining hall has pine paneled walls and windows along the east and west elevations with the kitchen area at the north end. The walls have club memorabilia, game trophies, and other camp-related artifacts. About 50 feet southwest of the clubhouse is a small generally square plan cabin with a shed porch on the north elevation. The porch roof is supported on plain peeled logs. Square windows are in the east and west elevations and the single door on the north elevation is a five-panel type. The hipped roof is covered with composition shingles. The cabin was built about 1937-1938 to provide sleeping quarters for cooks intermittently employed by the club for large functions. The skeet lodge is located near the entrance to the camp property from Rock Hall Road. A skeet shooting range is at the end of the road and the lodge is on the southern edge of the range opposite a shooting shelter. The lodge is extended log crowns and the corners and a one-story shed porch on the north elevation. The center entry is a glazed panel door and is flanked by two casement windows on each side. The interior has a large front room with a counter stand, and the rear of the building probably has storage and restrooms.

The four cabins on the Camp Kanawha grounds were built between 1937 and 1939. The cabins are generally located east and northeast of the clubhouse. Each is slightly different, but some features are common among the group.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1937-1939

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SECTION 8: Significance:

Camp Kanawha is significant in architecture as one of two sporting clubs in Frederick County which have a distinctive architectural character in the log buildings associated with the organizations. Camp Kanawha, established in 1937 by the Frederick County Fish and Game Protective Association, is the only one of the two which has the appearance, setting, and continuing use as a summer camp of the 1930's period. The second club, the Cold Deer Hunting and Fishing Club on Mountindale Road in the Frederick Planning Region, was established in 1943 and developed from a few log summer cottages into a small community of about 25 houses in the same general style along a public road, continuing into the 1960's. Many of the houses after 1945 had no connection with the club and all are now privately owned residences except the original Cold Deer Clubhouse. The area is documented as the Cold Deer Survey District (F-3-118). Camp Kanawha was planned to be a group of 14 cabins scattered throughout the grounds around the clubhouse. A plat of the club grounds dated March 26, 1938, now preserved in one of the cabins, showed the location of the planned cabins along with the already existing clubhouse. Although no club records of the early years have been found, the understanding among the club's recent officers is that the founding members specified that the cabins were to be individually built by the members by a certain date, believed to be two years from the date of founding. By 1939, only the existing four cabins had been built. The onset of World War II caused the building activities of the members to cease and the only additions were the enlargement of the clubhouse, the cooks' cabin, and the skeet lodge. The camp was built as a social and recreational area for the members of the club, who were prominent local men with a common interest in traditional outdoor sports and game conservation. In keeping with this purpose, the chinked log cottage popularized in Frederick County and elsewhere in the United States in the 1930's by the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps in establishing national and state parks was a natural choice for the club's buildings. The buildings retain the rustic exteriors, stone chimneys, and screened porches associated with early and mid-20th century log structures.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records of Frederick County

Personal interviews with past presidents of the Association. Mr. Frank Wastler and Mr. George Evans, July 13, 1993.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 10Quadrangle name Pt. of Rocks, MD-VAQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting							Northing	

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Zone	Easting							Northing	

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 10 acres centered on the clubhouse on Tax Map 108, Parcel 16.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date August 1993

street & number 12 E. Church St. telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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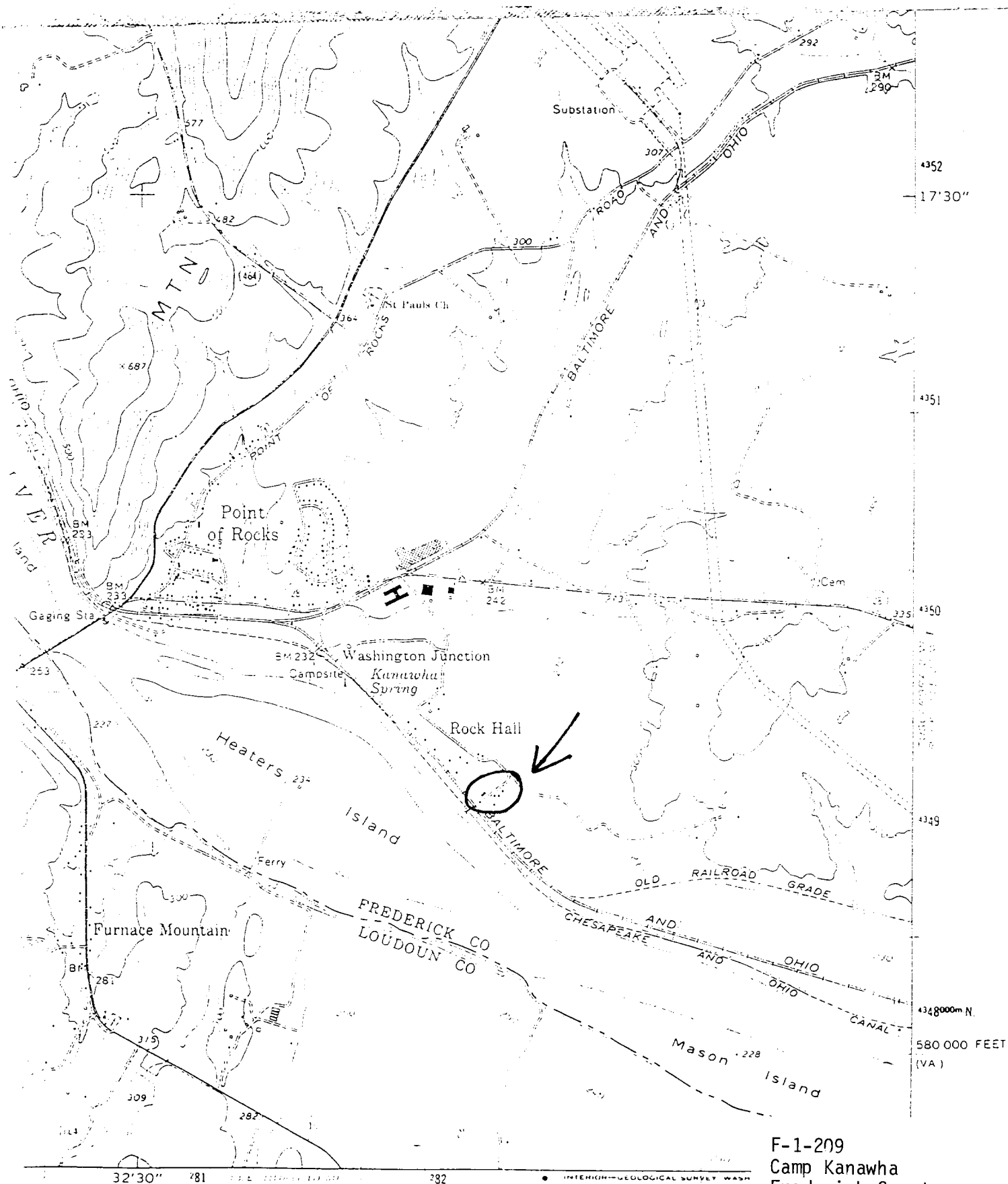
7.1 DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Each has a porch, usually enclosed by screens, one-story height, and an exterior chimney. All but one of the cabins has a stone chimney, the fourth having a brick exterior chimney. Three have extended log crowns at the corners and one has vertical corner posts. The roofs are covered with composition shingles. One of the cabins differs in the character of the logs and the location of the porch. The logs are larger and have a more machined finish, with no visible chinking on the exterior. The screened porch, a later addition to the house extends off the south side of the cabin in an elongated form, the plan of the house thus resembling a T.

Camp Kanawha

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 Camp Kanawha
 Frederick County
 USGS Point of Rocks
 Maryland-Virginia
 1:24000

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Primary highway, hard surface
 Secondary highway, hard surface
 Interstate Route
 Light-duty improve
 Unimproved
 U. S. Route





PRIVATE PROPERTY

FREDERICK COUNTY
FISH & GAME
PROTECTIVE ASSN.

INC. 1967

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Camp Konawha

Frederick County

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Entrance sign

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Clubhouse, southeast corner view

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Cook's' Cabin, north elevation

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Skeet Range Lodge, north elevation

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Evans Cabin, 4215 Rock Hall Rd., west
elevation

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Geisler Cabin, south elevation

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Wastler Cabin, southwest corner view

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Rock Haven Cabin, north elevation

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